

**Exide Technologies Advisory Group Technical Working Session  
Commerce Senior Center  
October 28, 2015 – 4:00 – 6:00 PM**

**SUMMARY OF REQUESTED ACTION ITEMS AND QUESTIONS**

**1. What's the timeline for the cleanup of residential properties surrounding Exide?**

- DTSC has developed a Sampling Work Plan for the \$7M the Department has obtained for FY 15/16. Sampling and cleanup for this fiscal year will occur as access agreements are obtained. DTSC is developing a comprehensive cleanup plan for the Preliminary Area of Investigation, which will include preparing a Draft Environmental Impact Report (Draft EIR) for CEQA compliance. This comprehensive workplan will be public noticed with a Draft EIR for stakeholder input. We will provide an update at each Advisory Group Meeting and provide those updates online as well at [www.dtsc.ca.gov/exide](http://www.dtsc.ca.gov/exide).

**2. Have properties in Commerce been tested yet?**

- As of October 28, properties in Commerce have not been tested. The Initial Assessment Areas were selected as areas most likely to be impacted based on air-modelling conducted by SCAQMD. Since then, DTSC collected step-out samples on or near a grid beyond the initial Assessment Areas. DTSC's preliminary analysis of the soil data shows that Exide's emissions may have impacted properties as far as 1.7 miles from the facility, which includes properties to the east of the facility within the City of Commerce. The focus areas, which DTSC notified by mail with access agreements during the week of November 9, 2015, includes properties in Commerce.

**3. Request for a Health and Safety Plan for the project, as well as an industrial hygienist to make a presentation at a future meeting.**

- Health and Safety Plans are prepared by the contractor. The two Health and Safety Plans from contractors hired for the residential cleanup work in the Initial Assessment Areas are posted on DTSC Envirostor website at:  
[http://www.envirostor.dtsc.ca.gov/public/profile\\_report.asp?global\\_id=80001733](http://www.envirostor.dtsc.ca.gov/public/profile_report.asp?global_id=80001733).
- The Health and Safety Plan for sampling and cleanup activities in the expanded areas in FY 15/16 is available at: [www.dtsc.ca.gov/exide](http://www.dtsc.ca.gov/exide).
- DTSC will ask the Industrial Hygienist from the DTSC Health and Safety Program to make a presentation at a future meeting.

**4. Have LAUSD and Montebello School District been notified about the sampling? Request for a timeline on school sampling.**

- DTSC has contacted representatives from both LAUSD and Montebello Unified School District. A schedule for sampling will be shared once the Department has the necessary access agreements. City officials can help DTSC acquire access agreements.

**5. Does anyone audit the workers who are cleaning up the properties?**

- DTSC inspectors have visited properties undergoing cleanup and have also reviewed the logbooks for those properties. If you have a concern about cleanup at any specific properties, DTSC staff would like to hear from you and can be reached at: 1-844-225-3887.
- 6. Previously, bi-weekly update calls were held to discuss progress. Request to receive updates on sampling so the Advisory Group can monitor progress.**
- DTSC has been providing weekly status update on our website for the initial Assessment Areas at: <http://www.dtsc.ca.gov/Exide> and will establish a weekly update system on the FY 15/16 sampling and cleanup activities.
- 7. Request for sampling forms online, a mobile friendly website, and for a phone application to be developed.**
- A sampling application form is available in English and Spanish at: [http://apps.dtsc.ca.gov/exide/app\\_e.cfm](http://apps.dtsc.ca.gov/exide/app_e.cfm) A physical access agreement form still needs to be mailed to DTSC by either the tenant or property owner. The website is currently mobile friendly, but DTSC is planning website improvements and will explore the possibility of creating a phone application.
- 8. Request for Health and Safety plans to be fully enforced. Additionally, DSTC should stop tracking out waste and stop stockpiling soil. Continued request for third party oversight.**
- DTSC and SCAQMD will meet to discuss this, and will aim to provide a written response with more details about prevention of tracking out waste, overall expectations, and what needs to be addressed. All Health and Safety Plans are now available online (linked from Action Item #3). DTSC will also better advertise the complaint hotline and will work to have a better presence at homes where cleanup is taking place.
- 9. County requests a meeting with DSTC to discuss concerns about protocols.**
- DTSC met with LA County Public Health Team on November 6 and 17, 2015 to discuss opportunities to coordinate activities, as well as sampling and cleanup protocols.
- 10. Why aren't there manifests regarding lead? Where are contaminated soils taken?**
- A manifest is required to transport any hazardous waste, including soil with lead. Material excavated from all the yards in the Initial Assessment Area were transported using a manifest, including soil moved to the La Paz Landfill in Arizona.
- 11. Request to establish a multilingual phone line for workers and residents.**
- DTSC currently has an information line with Spanish bilingual support: 1-844-225-3887. DTSC will continue to make improvements in communicating with the community members in their preferred language.